

The excitement of Halloween and Bonfire night is now over and done with, and we are working hard in Year 6 in all areas of the curriculum; immersing ourselves in the Second World War, working our way through the events (we are currently up to the Start of the Battle of Britain). We will be holding our assessment week for this term in the week of 27<sup>th</sup> November and we will be completing another full set of past SATS papers for this.

### Social Media

We are aware that many of the children have their own mobile phones but also have their own social media accounts. The minimum age to open an account on nearly every social media platform—TikTok, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Kik, YouTube, Snapchat, Facebook, and more — is actually 13. Many of our pupils are members of WhatsApp groups too, but the minimum age requirement for this is 16.

It is incredibly easy for a child to open a social media account. All they have to do is a simple calculation to figure out a birthdate that makes them, say, 72 years of age instead of 11. Few, if any, social media sites use age verification tools. So, in just a few moments, children can easily gain access to a world of people, videos, photos, posts, likes, and more that they just might not be ready to handle.

We have attached with this Learning Letter a help a Resource Sheet for parents which contains links to some really useful websites. One we very much recommend is Internet Matters. This contains so much helpful information which we often use to discuss issues with the children in school. If you have any specific concerns, for which you would like further help, please email [home\\_technology\\_support@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:home_technology_support@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)



Here is a flavour of what we will be working on over the next couple of weeks:

**Maths** - multiplying and dividing fractions, and finding fractions of amounts;

**English** -we will be starting a new poetry unit;

**History** - continuing our work on World War 2;

**Science** -investigating light;

**RE** -continuing our Christianity unit - How the Old testament contains prophecies about the coming of Jesus;

**DT**-.starting our Decoupage project;

**Computing** - Finishing our unit on Binary and starting a unit on quizzing.

### Celebration of Christmas Under the Stars.



We are holding our Celebration of Christmas on the 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm. This will be a combination of congressional carols, sung by the children, instrumentals, poems and drama. The children are excitedly planning their contributions.

Please let us know if your child is unable to take part, so that we can decide which roles the children may have.

# Parents and Carers

## Key Online Safety Resources



Childnet have a dedicated area to support parents and carers with information on key topics, advice and activities to share with your child.

[childnet.com/parents-and-carers](https://childnet.com/parents-and-carers)

### Childnet Resource Hub

Choose resources for 'parents and carers' to see leaflets, resources and activities to do with your child.

[childnet.com/resources](https://childnet.com/resources)



Advice on key online issues, tips, guides and blogs from partners: Childnet, SWGfL and the IWF.

[saferinternet.org.uk](https://saferinternet.org.uk)

### Safer Internet Day

Join the celebrations for Safer Internet Day every February! We provide free tips, advice, videos, quizzes and more.

[saferinternetday.org.uk](https://saferinternetday.org.uk)

### Reviews and tools

**The Family Gaming Database** shares research and advice on thousands of video games, including content warnings and PEGI ratings.

[taminggaming.com](https://taminggaming.com)

**Common Sense Media** provides expert reviews, advice and age-appropriate recommendations on games, apps, films and more. Users can access up to three free reviews per month.

[commonsensemedia.org](https://commonsensemedia.org)

**Parental controls and privacy settings** described step-by-step alongside support on a range of online safety topics.

[internetmatters.org](https://internetmatters.org)

**Want to stay up to date?** Sign up for the Childnet newsletter to hear about our latest advice on the most popular apps, new blogs and more.

[childnet.com/signup](https://childnet.com/signup)

## Making a report

For advice on the reporting tools for popular games, apps and social media platforms visit [childnet.com/how-to-report](https://childnet.com/how-to-report) for more information.

**Report Harmful Content** is a national reporting centre offering advice and links to industry reporting tools. It also provides support by reviewing outcomes after a report has been made on a platform or app.

[reportharmfulcontent.com](https://reportharmfulcontent.com)

Report suspected online child sexual abuse or grooming to your child's school/local police. If necessary, contact the **Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (CEOP)**.

[ceop.police.uk](https://ceop.police.uk)

Report online child sexual abuse images and videos with the **Internet Watch Foundation's** anonymous reporting tool.

[iwf.org.uk](https://iwf.org.uk)

Information on hate crime and advice on how to report it in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

[report-it.org.uk](https://report-it.org.uk)

National reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

[actionfraud.police.uk](https://actionfraud.police.uk)

For Scotland, reports can be made to Police Scotland: [scotland.police.uk/contact-us](https://scotland.police.uk/contact-us).

## Get help and support

There are lots of organisations who work to support families and children. Visit [childnet.com/get-help](https://childnet.com/get-help) if you're worried about an online concern.

**NSPCC**

0808 800 5000  
[nspcc.org.uk](https://nspcc.org.uk)

Free support and advice for adults concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child.



**family  
lives**

0808 800 2222  
[familylives.org.uk](https://familylives.org.uk)

Free support and advice on any aspect of parenting and family life.

**YOUNG MINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

0808 802 5544  
[youngminds.org.uk](https://youngminds.org.uk)

Free support and advice on how to support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

### Helplines for children & young people

**childline**

0800 11 11  
[childline.org.uk](https://childline.org.uk)

Providing help and support for under 18s.

**THE MIX**

0808 808 4994  
[themix.org.uk](https://themix.org.uk)

Providing help and support for 13-25 year olds.



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